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Saturday, the 12th August 1939/27th Karkatakam 1114.

The Sri Chitra State Council met in the Legislative Chamber, at 11 of the clock with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. I. E, Dewan-President, in the chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The followlng members took the oath and signed the rolls :—

1. Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction.*)
2. Mr. M. P. Joseph (*Excise Commissioner.*)
3. Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) Poonen Lukose (*Surgeon-General.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Destitute beggars in the Trivandrum Town.

80. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of destitute beggars in the Trivandrum town ; and

(*b*) where these beggars cook their food and sleep ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 237 as per the Census of 1112 conducted by the Municipality.

(*b*) A few of them reside at Chengal Choola, where they cook their food and sleep. Others manage to cook on the road-sides in various parts of the town and sleep in open available varandahs of buildings, as they have no permanent residence.

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Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether Government are aware that a large number of these beggars are suffering from contagious diseases and that their sleeping in the verandhas of public buildings is not highly dangerous to public health?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Government are aware.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether there is any proposal on the part of the Government to give a suitable habitation for these beggars?

Mr. M. K Nilakanta Aiyar: There is.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail (*Nominated*): May I know whether any steps are being taken to seggregate these beggars?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Yes.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know what those steps are?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The question of a commodious isolation hospital is engaging the attention of the Government.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: Is it intented to house these people?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Yes.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether any estimate has been prepared regarding this?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: An estimate has been called for.

Sri Nilakanta Vilasom Vaidyasala at Mannanthalai.

81. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai:** With reference to the Sri Nilakanta Vilasom Vaidyasala at Mannanthalai, Trivandrum, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from Balakrishna Panikkar, the vaidyan of the dispensary praying for grant-in-aid to his vaidyasala; If so, how many and the action taken thereon;

(*b*) whether there was a grant-in-aid vaidyasala at Mannanthalai at any time in the past;

(*c*) whether the inhabitants of the pakuthies of Karakulam, Chettivilakam, Oolloor and Ooliathra, memorialised Government for awarding grant-in-aid to this vaidyasala;

(*d*) whether the Ayurveda Director recognising the indispensability of a vaidyasala in this locality included this place in the selected localities published in the Government Gazette of 26-2-1106 and later on in 1113, recommended to Government that grant-in-aid may be given to this vaidyasala;

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